

I have never understood before now the importance of the first, and most basic of our basic American freedoms and that is, of our free press. If the stories reported about Sinclair Broadcasting are correct, it would seem apparent that requiring all their stations to broadcast a documentary of only a single presidential candidate, particularly in a race that is so closely contested as this race, shows an unbelievably arrogant display of bias.

Sinclair's actions are a blatant disregard for the overall public interest. The FCC claims to be concerned with protecting the public against what is considered by some to be lewd and inappropriate public commentary, such as that by Howard Stern.

If that is true, then the FCC should be just as concerned when local stations are forced to air what is tantamount to a free political advertisement. Sinclair profits from free public airwaves and their actions show why the media ownership rules should be strengthened not watered down.

Thank you for your consideration.